

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

March 17, 2021 – 2:00pm – Council Chambers – 800 Wilson Ave

Committee Members Present:

Cindy Gilberts (1 hrs.)	Joe Jax (Chair) (2.5 hrs.)	Dennis Kropp (1 hrs.)
Mike Schendel (1 hrs.)	Nancy Schofield (3 hrs.)	John Anshus (1 hrs.)
Bob Giede (2.5 hrs.)		

Others present: Judy Zimmerman, Chris Gaetzke, Megen Hines, Dick Henning, and Randy Eide

The Zoom meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair.

Acceptance of Minutes: **MOTION** made by Dennis Kropp to accept the February 17, 2021 meeting minutes, seconded by Cindy Gilberts. **MOTION** carried.

Public Comments: - None

Arbor Foundation Membership: Bob Giede outlined the benefits of being a member of the Arbor Day foundation to include receiving free tree saplings for planting. After a brief discussion, no formal action was taken by the Board

April 30, 2021 Arbor Day and Bird City Celebration Plans: - Dick Henning ran through the plans associated with the program. The Board reviewed the draft event program. Nancy Schofield will present the Citizen of the Year award to Jerry Johnsons. Mike Schendel will contact Marie Young to coordinate her part of the program associated with birds. No other action was taken by the Board.

Galloway Creek Restoration Proposal by Lower Chippewa Invasives Partnership: Chris Gaetzke introduced the restoration project to the Board. The 2.2-acre site is owned by the City of Menomonie. After a good deal of discussion on the proposal a **MOTION** was made by Dennis Kropp and seconded by Bob Giede to recommend support of the subject project to the City Council. **MOTION** carried.

Items for Discussion Only: Nancy Schofield updated the Board on early history of the Urban Forestry Board and the fact that the Board had received an International Award in the late 1900s. John Anshus added his historical knowledge to the discussion.

Urban Forester Report:

Pruning Update: 82% of Zone 4 complete. Will continue to prune as the weather allows.

Ash Tree Treatment: City will start treatment soon.

City Council Report: Anticipate bringing the Cork Tree ordinance to the Council soon.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the City Hall Council Chambers at 2:00 p.m. and via ZOOM.

Items for Next Meeting: Arbor Day Program/Tree Pruning/Tree Inventory/Dunn County Fair Booth

Adjournment: **MOTION** made by Cindy Gilberts, seconded by Bob Giede to adjourn. **MOTION** carried.